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CONSTRUCT OF RECOMBINANT

: NUCLEIC ACIDS CIRCULARIZED BY

: DNA COMPACTING AGENTS

Docket No.: 1231-01

Confirmation No.: 2241

Dated: April 29, 2005

CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 1, 2004 from February 1, 2005 to May 1, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$1,020 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2719. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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